

The JACKSONIAN



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News for and about Jackson-area Retirees

**Annual Christmas Luncheon at
Country Club of Jackson – Tuesday, December 9th
Email reminder will be sent to those who registered!**



at IRONBARK BREWERY – JANUARY 13, 2026
2610 Kibby Road, Jackson

Kick off the New Year with Michigan Bingo! Join the Jacksonians for our very first event of 2026—**Bingo at Ironbark Brewery on January 13th from 11:30am to 3:00.**

The weather outside may be frightful, but the Brewery is oh-so delightful, so come on in, warm up, and let the fun begin! We'll be playing for **Made in Michigan prizes** that celebrate the spirit of our great state. Whether you're a seasoned Bingo pro or just in it for the laughs, this is the perfect way to start the year with friends, fun, and festive cheer. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! **We will be collecting Winter coats for those in need. So, bring your gently used coats, gloves, hats and scarfs for local agencies.**

We are will be collecting orders for lunch to help the staff. 3 lunch sandwiches from the Kibby Cobb Market. Beer or soft drinks will be paid for on your own.

\$11.00ea. Choices: **Shorty's Rueben** with: Sliced house-cooked corned beef brisket. Swiss cheese, Kapusta & homemade 1,000 island dressing on grilled Doughnation Bakery Polish rye bread. **Yuppie** with: House roasted turkey breast, bacon, avocado slices, spinach, red onion & tomato with garlic herb aioli on some healthy grainy bread.

Pretzel Mania with: Shaved Dearborn Ham, cheddar cheese, red onion & honey mustard on a pretzel bagel. **Deadline for registrations is January 8th.**



What a year it has been! With more than **792 retirees** joining us in 2025, the Jacksonians proved once again that retirement is not about slowing down—it's about filling the calendar with laughter, friendship, and just the right amount of mischief. Let's take a stroll through the year, month by month. **"Cards, Steak, and Bragging Rights"** became our monthly tradition at Knights Steakhouse, where Secretary Fallon Walker hosted Euchre nights that drew at least 24 retirees each month. The cards were competitive, the food was hearty, and the laughter was plentiful. **"Here's Looking at You, Jackson"** kicked off January as 84 retirees joined for a Michigan Theatre tour and a showing of *Casablanca*. The film brought back memories, and more than a few sighs at Humphrey Bogart's timeless charm. **"Love, Laughter, and a Little Liquid Courage"** defined February, when 25 retirees gathered at Chateau Aeronautique Winery for Valentine bingo, lunch, and a wine or beer tasting. Membership Chair Joann Davis made sure the day was filled with fun, prizes to keep everyone smiling. **"History, Lunch, and a Side of Euchre"** was the theme for March, as 41 retirees toured the Ella Sharp Museum with Events Committee Chair, Roberta Sexton leading the way. After soaking in Jackson's past, the group returned to Knights Steakhouse for lunch and—you guessed it—more Euchre. **"Strings Attached to Spring"** rang through April, when 50 retirees gathered at the Country Club of Jackson for a luncheon capped off by the Homespun Strings. The music was the perfect soundtrack to a season of renewal. **"Bats, Big Lugg, and Ballpark Snacks"** made May a home run. 60 retirees enjoyed the Lansing Lugnugs game from the executive suite, where the food was plentiful, the view was perfect, and Big Lugg himself dropped by for a visit. **"Hot Dogs and Heartfelt Friendships"** grilled up in June at the Annual Picnic at Clarklake Clubhouse. President Joe Eckert showed off his grilling skills while 41 retirees brought their favorite dishes to share, making it a feast of food and fellowship. **"Sweet Tooths and Sweet Times"** defined July, when 40 retirees toured Gilbert's Chocolates. The heavenly smell of cocoa followed them to Steve's Ranch House, where lunch and Euchre rounded out the day.

"Fore! Fun and Prizes" was the call in August at the Kiple Open Golf Outing at Burr Oak Golf Course. 40 retirees enjoyed nine holes, lunch, and prizes, thanks to Treasurer Bob Smith's organization—and even the weather cooperated.(cont'd on back)



December 3rd - January 6th - February 16th & March 11th Euchre at Knights
January 13th – BINGO at Ironbark Brewery 11:30 Registration

Website for Retiree Information:

www.consumersenergy.com/retiree or use your camera to scan this QR Code

New Retirees/Recent Deaths/Newsletters/Chapter Information

Sympathy

Sympathy to the Families of:

- Terry Westfall (ret. 1998)

Sympathy to retirees/employees who have lost family members:

- Marcia Caspar (ret. 2016)

mother, Joan Caspar

Anniversary

Sherry (ret. 2010) & Tom Campbell
55th Wedding Anniversary

Contact our Sunshine Committee Chair Jan Riede (contact info on the sidebar) with information you'd like included in the Jacksonian: **Congratulations - Sympathy - Special Event - Wedding Anniversary** (clarifying landmark anniversary dates: 25th - 50th - 55th - 60th and every year after 60).

Euchre & Lunch held Monthly – Fallon Walker

Euchre & Lunch at Knights Steakhouse at 2125 Horton Road
Date: December 3rd – January 6th - February 16th & March 11th
Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm Lunch at 11:00. You are welcome to join us for just lunch.
RSVP by emailing Fallon Walker at: fallonsstar@gmail.com or call 517-812-3806
Come join us for a friendly game of Euchre and Lunch! Beginners to advance welcome!



“Swinging Together for a Cause” made September special, as 80 retirees joined the Forerunners statewide golf outing at Eldorado Golf Club, followed by a luncheon at Win Schuler’s with 56 in attendance the following day. Along with the fun, winter hats, gloves, and scarves were collected for Lansing-area veterans. “Prost to Good Friends” echoed in October at Chateau Aeronautique Winery’s Oktoberfest. 33 retirees enjoyed German food, drinks, and stories from owner Lorenzo about his airline pilot days, proving that good tales pair well with good beer. “Planes, Heroes, and Sandwiches” took flight in November, when 30 retirees visited the Air Zoo in Portage. Thanks to Events Committee Chair, Sandy Leffler, after marveling at the planes and history, the group enjoyed lunch at the Kitty Hawk Café, where even heroes would have approved of the sandwiches. “A Festive Finale” wrapped up December at the Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Country Club of Jackson. With CEO Garrick Rochow as guest speaker, music by retiree Jeff Fouty and CE employee Jean Yoakum, and donations collected for SOAR, it was the perfect way to close out a year of joy, generosity, and song.

As we look ahead to 2026, one thing is certain: the Jacksonians know how to make every month count. Whether it’s cards, concerts, or chocolate, there’s always room for more laughter, more memories, and more reasons to gather together. Note: Sunshine Committee Jan Riede sent cards Sympathy 49 and 12 Anniversary.

BINGO REGISTRATION FORM – IRONBARK BREWERY – JANUARY 13TH

Your Name (Print)

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Area Code

Phone Number

Name of Spouse/Guest

Email Address (Print)


We will be collecting used gently used winter apparel (coats, hats, gloves, scarfs) for area people in need.

Lunch \$11.00ea.: Shorty’s Reuben Yuppie Pretzel Mania lam just attending

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ Your Check# Date of Check:

Deadline January 8TH

For retirees just attending you can also email: jedavis22@gmail.com with your name and # attending



FORERUNNERS/JACKSONIANS 2026 MEMBERSHIP & Scholarship Donation

Annual dues Forerunners = \$10.00
Annual dues Jacksonians = \$7.00

NAME (Print)

SPOUSE

ADDRESS

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Is your address above New? Circle Yes or No

Is you email address New? Circle Yes or No

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Zip

2026 Membership Dues (\$10+\$7= \$17)

Forerunners Scholarship donation

Total Enclosed

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Check #

Date:

Check your newsletter envelope for the year your membership was last paid.

Make your checks payable to: Jacksonians and mail completed to Registration Forms with check to: Jacksonians, 1945 W. Parnall Rd., P21-505, Jackson, MI 49201

